

EDISON AGAIN AT A TELEGRAPH KEY.

For the First Time in a Quarter
of a Century He Acts as
an Operator.

Practises in the Journal Office For
His Work in the Elec-
trical Exhibit.

HIS SKILL IS AS GREAT AS EVER.

Without Trouble He Receives a Mes-
sage from a Skilled Man and
Readily Repeats It to
the Sender.

Thomas A. Edison acted as a telegraph
operator last night for the first time in
twenty-six years.

Mr. Edison attended the Electrical Ex-
hibition at the Grand Central Palace yester-
day, and while there was asked if he
would receive the message to be sent
around the world by Chancery W. Depew
next Saturday night. The great inventor
said that while he was perfectly willing to
play operator for one night, he had doubts
as to his ability to do so, as it was years
since he had tried to read a message over
the wire.

Several electricians and friends present
doubted his ability to receive, and some
jokingly said that they did not believe that
after so many years away from a key, he
could distinguish between a dot and a dash.
Mr. Edison replied that while he might
have forgotten, he was certain he would be
able to pick up his old accomplishment
with a little practice.

After the fluoroscope exhibition was
closed last night Mr. Edison ac-
cepted an invitation to try his hand as an
operator in the telegraph room of the
Journal. When he entered the room, with
the dozen or more instruments rattling off
messages from all parts of the world, he
glanced around, smiled and said:

"Oh, I guess I'm all right yet."

A key was selected and pen, ink and
telegraph blanks given him.

"Good man at the other end?" asked Ed-
ison, as he tilted the cigar in his mouth at
an angle of 45 degrees.

"Pretty fair," said the manager of the
telegraph department, who had called up
the main office, and told him to send what
he had on hand to a new operator.

The instrument commenced to click, and
Edison to make the usual cabalistic signs
that nobody but a telegraph operator knows
the meaning of.

"It's easy to read. Good, Morse," said
the new operator. "Only afraid I can't
write as fast as I used to."

Then, continuing to write with one hand,
he struck a match and lighted the cigar
that had gone out while he was talking.

The crack operators who expected to see
the man who was boss of them all thirty
years ago "break" in his work looked on
as Edison wrote without a break.

When the signature was given, he com-
menced to report the message just to see
how he could send.

"Wonder if that other fellow's working
a typewriter. I guess he's got the best of
it," said Edison, as he turned loose on his
man at the other end.

"That's the first message I've received
or sent in twenty-six years," said he as he
leaned back in his chair. "I think I could
receive or send if I lived to be a thousand.
I do not believe a man ever forgets it.
It read just like copper plate, but it kept
me scratching to get it down. Now, if
those fellows want to turn loose Saturday
night, why I guess they can."

The operators declared the exhibition be-
tween Mr. Edison and the main office man-
ager to be "bung up" work for anybody.

After chatting awhile on the improve-
ments in telegraphy, Mr. Edison was shown
through the Journal composing rooms and
saw, for the first time in his life, typesetting
machines in operation.

Very Cy - Collect note press Eastport ny

The Journal ny -

The wind has again

Changed and is now blowing to the north
the fire is coming rapidly towards the
Village It has already reached the
Long Island Country Club grounds -

The people are now making to go to fight
the flames will send in a later report
if anything occurs of importance

Renny

first press used in 26 years

Edison

FAC-SIMILE OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY THOMAS A. EDISON FOR THE JOURNAL.

LIVELY TIME AT A PRESBYTERY MEETING.

Old Union Seminary Trouble
Revived While Examin-
ing Students.

Objection Raised to a Candidate for
the Ministry Because of His
Alma Mater.

REPORTERS ARE ALL EXCLUDED.

Moderator Chambers Is So Much Affected
by the Boisterous Proceedings That
He Is Forced to Relinquish
the Chair.

The regular monthly meeting of the
Presbytery of New York, held yesterday
in the Session House of the First Presby-
terian Church, at Fifth Avenue and Ele-
venth street, was by no means a peaceful
or even an amicable one. Gray-headed
divines shook their fists in each other's
faces, and many of the laymen called
each other names that would not look well
in print. The esteemed Moderator, the
Rev. Dr. James Chambers, was so affected
by the quarrel that he resigned his chair
to the Vice Moderator, Dr. Buchanan.

There was trouble from the very start.
Even the most insignificant bone of con-
tention was made a fighting matter. It was
a heated dispute between a dozen of the
prominent clergymen regarding a minister
of the Philadelphia Presbytery now work-

will be allowed to try again at the next
meeting.

The principal speakers in the debate were
the Rev. Drs. Brown, of Union Seminary;
Booth, the Moderator of the General As-
sembly; Robinson and Atterbury and Col-
onel Ketchum. The examiners were Dr.
Booth on theology, Dr. Forbes on Greek
and Hebrew, Rev. Mr. Payson on the
Church polity and Dr. Hoadley on church
history.

There was a strenuous objection to ad-
mitting Mr. Bainton, because he was a
Union Seminary man, and some of the
speakers declared openly that the seminary
was not a sacred ground.

Reporters were excluded, but the Journal
had no difficulty in securing the news of
the secret session. The admission of
Mr. Bainton certainly seemed a great vic-
tory for Union Seminary, although those
opposed say that it was not. Bainton is
a member of the Park Presbyterian Church,
Young of the Fifth Avenue Church,
Reilly of the Park Church. Reilly was
rejected on account of his de-
ficiency in theology.

POVERTY TO WEALTH.

Harry Hoge, Brought Up as the Son of a
Street Sweeper, Given to His
Rich Grandmother.

Harry Hoge, aged eleven, blue-eyed and
fair-haired, went yesterday with his grand-
mother, Sophia S. Hoge, to Philadelphia,
where he will be reared as the sole heir
to her fortune of \$250,000. Justice Trux,
in Special Term, Part II, of the Supreme
Court, decided yesterday that the boy must
be transferred to Mrs. Hoge's custody.

Harry's father and mother separated
nine years ago, soon after which the
father died in Philadelphia, requesting his
mother to recover the child from his wife.
Mrs. Hoge learned later that her daughter-

ONE FREE AND MANY FINED Bicyclers Brought Into Court for Accidents and Scorching.

Mrs. Barbara Ruhl, seventy-five years old,
of No. 427 Eighth avenue, collided with a
bicyclist yesterday, and both were upset.
Mrs. Ruhl was slightly scratched and
bruised. Henry Essling, the wheelman, who
lives at No. 235 West Thirtieth street, was
arrested. When taken to the Jefferson Mar-
ket Police Court, Essling proved by the po-
lice who arrested him that the accident
was not his fault, and was discharged.

Isador Lewis, thirty-four years old, of
Madison avenue and Eighty-eighth street,
was severely injured yesterday by falling
from his bicycle on the East Drive of Cen-
tral Park, opposite Ninety-seventh street.
He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital.
Frank Doerinkel, twenty-five years old, of
No. 955 Eighth avenue; Leslie Mockridge,
twenty-one years old, of Morris Heights;
Henry Lang, nineteen years old, of No. 692
West End avenue; George Rudolph, seven-
teen years old, of Morris Heights; and Her-
bert Simmons, nineteen years old, of No. 70
West Eighty-third street, were fined \$5 each
yesterday for "scorching."

COLD WAVE DUE TO-DAY.

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by Hot Weather.



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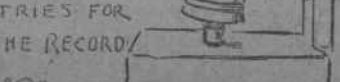
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Trials Closely Watched by Admiral
Bunce from the Veranda of
His Hotel.

ARE EFFECTIVE IN THE NARROWS.

Officers of the Fleet Still Ignorant of
What They Are to Do, Though
Many Hope for a
War.

The officers of the North Atlantic Squad-
ron, lying at anchor at the naval rendez-
vous off Staten Island, swept the shores of
the harbor last night with the searchlight
of the cruisers. It was 8:30 o'clock when
a great beam of light broke from the for-
ward bridge of the flagship New York, il-
luminating the Staten Island shore. So
brilliant were the rays of the powerful
electric light that the residents of many
of the cottages at St. George could sit on
the verandas of their houses and read
the newspapers.

First one, then another of the powerful
beams of light stole out, turning the dark-
ness into day. Soon all the four ships in
the fleet were engaged in searchlight ex-
ercises. The practice continued for a
half an hour. Then all was darkness again.

The searchlights were directed first at
the Staten Island shore, then pointed
across the bay to the houses and fields
that line the Bay Ridge shore. The rays
of light ven extended as far as the fortifi-
cations at the Narrows. Oil-tank steamers
and sailing ships lying at anchor in the
lower bay came in the way of the search-
light and stood out in the bright light,
showing every outline from keelson to
truck.

Admiral Francis M. Bance, commanding
the fleet, watched the exercises on board
the ships from the veranda of the Hotel
Castleton at St. George. With him were
his wife and daughter. The other guests
gathered around and took as great an in-
terest in the searchlight as the veteran
naval officer himself.

There was plenty of war talk on board
the ships yesterday, but the officers know
nothing about what is to happen more
than they learn by reading the papers.
Admiral Bunce is still sphinx-like, and it
is not believed that even he has been in-
formed of the plans of President Cleveland
regarding the present trouble with Spain.

If the fleet is to go to Havana officers and
men are still in ignorance of it, and when
the punch bowl is passed of a night in the
mess, the younger men stand up and pro-
pose a toast to the Admiral, adding that
they hope he may soon receive orders to
sail for Spanish or Cuban waters.

While Admiral Bunce is waiting the pleas-
ure of the authorities at Washington, the
usual drills are being carried out on board

DESPERATE STREET FIGHT.

Hatchet, Sledge Hammer and Knives
Used by Thirty or More
Participants.

Three men were badly injured in a desper-
ate street fight about 1 o'clock yesterday
morning on Virginia avenue, in the West
Side section of Jersey City.

The fight started in No. 310 Virginia ave-
nue. Policemen from the Fourth Precinct
Station House, on Communipaw avenue,
nearly a mile away, were summoned. They
found thirty or more persons indiscri-
minately fighting in a heap in the middle of
the street. One was using a hatchet freely,
another had a huge sledge hammer, while
knives were in nearly every hand, and all
were being used. The policemen used their
clubs, but it was some time before they suc-
ceeded in separating the fighters.

When the fight was finally quelled three
men were stretched out unconscious and
five others were under arrest. The injured
were John Fallon, twenty-eight years old,
of No. 103 West Side avenue; Thomas
Carey, twenty-six years old, of No. 74
Hoadley avenue, and James Callaghan, of
No. 103 West Side avenue. Fallon's skull
was fractured and Carey's left eye was badly
gashed.

Fred and Harry Hepner and Charles
Schulman, all of No. 310 Virginia avenue,
were held for trial by Police Justice Doug-
lass. Timothy Hurley, of No. 228 Monticello
avenue, and Joseph Gezo, of No. 143 West
Side avenue, who were also arrested as wit-
nesses, were discharged.

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THOMAS A. EDISON RECEIVING A MESSAGE FOR THE JOURNAL.

This was the first time in twenty-six years that the veteran electrician had received press copy over the wires.

Judgment Against Rose Coghlan.

Justice O'Gorman has handed down

in which he finds Judgment

in a suit for \$250 for

by Emily Herman

Coghlan, as

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three young theological students, George

D. Young, of Princeton; J. W. Kelly, of

Yale, and Henry W. Bainton, of Union, ap-

to the Presbytery for license to

they were examined and Young

was admitted after much

ing in the old Dutch Church in New York

City. Some said that he should transfer

his membership to the New York Presby-

tery. The most exciting altercation was on

the time-honored contention over Union

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in-law had died. Then began a seven

years' search. The boy was finally found

living as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis

Zimmerman, of No. 720 East One Hundred

and Sixty-fifth street. Mr. Zimmerman is a

street sweeper.

The Zimmermans refused to surrender

Harry, but Mrs. Hoge got a writ of habeas

corpus, and Justice Trux acted the case.

Harry and his adopted parents wept

heir in the court room yesterday.

Went's Extract of Vanilla

ively by all leading hotels and